

## MH/AODA Managed Care Initiative

The State of Wisconsin is in the process of developing a new model for the provision of public Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse services. This new direction is guided by the Report of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Mental Health. The members of the commission began their work in May 1996 and submitted their recommendations in April 1997. The report included the following statements of Vision and Mission:

**Vision:** All persons in need of mental health and substance abuse services across Wisconsin have equal access to resources that strengthen self-determination and self-sufficiency by promoting health and wellness, improvement and recovery, quality of life and dignity.

**Mission:** The mission of the mental health and substance abuse systems throughout Wisconsin is to achieve the vision by creating partnerships that develop, coordinate and provide a full range of resources that address:

- Risk reduction/prevention
- Wellness
- Early identification and intervention
- Treatment and rehabilitation options
- Recovery
- Safe and affordable housing
- Educational employment, social and recreational opportunities
- Family and peer support
- Self-help services
- Safety and well-being of all members of the community
- Emphasizing hope and optimism in all interactions
- Implementing a comprehensive strategy to eradicate stigma and discrimination
- Involving consumers/families/communities as equal stakeholders in service system governance, planning and delivery
- Acknowledging the abundance and limitation of our human and financial resources and committing to responsible stewardship of these resources

### Project Goals

- Increase consumer and family involvement at all levels of the system of care.
- Emphasize recovery as a guiding principle of the mental health and AODA service system.
- Increase the emphasis on prevention and early intervention.
- Integrate federal, state and local funding for mental health and AODA services to create a comprehensive and flexible system of care.
- Better integrate mental health with AODA services and improve coordination of mental health and AODA services with primary and acute care.
- Improve access to and availability of mental health and AODA services.
- Improve accountability, quality of care and outcomes of care.
- Build on the existing county/tribal role in organizing mental health and AODA services and realize a reduced rate of growth in expenditures for the State and counties/tribes.

## **Project Status**

- Blue Ribbon Commission Implementation Advisory Committee, which includes consumers, family members, providers, county representatives, state staff and other key stakeholder representatives, continues to meet regularly to guide the planning and implementation of the project.
- The Legislature approved statutory revisions and start-up funds to begin implementation of pilots in the 1999-01 Biennial Budget. Four demonstration pilots were approved for funding in the Biennial Budget process.
- BRC Implementation Advisory Committee approved the recommendations of various workgroups developing the features of the redesigned managed care system. Specific workgroups included Recovery and Consumer/Family Involvement, Screening and Enrollment, Care Planning, Consumer Outcomes, Quality Improvement, and Fiscal Issues.
- A draft Request for Consideration was distributed for public comment in June 1999. Revisions were made based on those comments and the final RFC was released in January 2000.
- Four responses to the Request for Consideration for the Managed Care Initiative have been reviewed and found acceptable for contract negotiation. The counties that submitted an approved proposal were Forest/Vilas/Oneida, (multi-county proposal), Kenosha, Dane and Milwaukee counties.

Significant work has occurred since the Four Demonstrations Projects began to increase consumer participation at the county policy and governance level. Counties have also increased training efforts to incorporate recovery principles in the service delivery systems.

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